

(a) [[[]]The Drug Abuse Administration is hereby established as a part of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The head and chief executive officer of the Drug Abuse Administration shall be the director of the Drug Abuse Administration. [[There shall also be a deputy director of the Drug Abuse Administration who shall assist the director in the performance of the director's duties. The director and deputy director shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary. However, the Secretary may not remove the director or deputy director without obtaining the prior approval of the Governor. The director and deputy director shall receive such salaries as are provided in the State budget. The director shall report directly to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and shall, subject to the authority of the Secretary, be responsible for carrying out the powers, duties, responsibilities and functions vested in the Drug Abuse Administration. [[]]] THE DRUG ABUSE ADMINISTRATION IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE ADMINISTRATION IS THE COMMISSIONER OF DRUG ABUSE.]] THE [[COMMISSIONER]] DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AND SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY. THE [[COMMISSIONER]] DIRECTOR SHALL HAVE THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS OF A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE AND EXPERIENCE IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, AND SHALL BE QUALIFIED IN THE FUNCTIONS AND PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. THE [[COMMISSIONER]] DIRECTOR SHALL RECEIVE THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET. THE [[COMMISSIONER]] DIRECTOR SHALL REPORT TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

(c) All rules, regulations, forms, orders and directives promulgated by or in effect for the Drug Abuse Authority as of April 30, 1971, shall continue in force unless and until changed by the [director] [[COMMISSIONER]] director of the Drug Abuse Administration or the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of Article 43B - Comprehensive Drug Abuse Control and Rehabilitation Act, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 43B - Comprehensive Drug Abuse Control and Rehabilitation Act

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